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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: HIJACKED VC-10: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE HERE FOR ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING  
US, BRITISH, TUNISIAN AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL ATTITUDES IS  
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QUOTE SITUATION REMAINS CONFUSED. THIS IS VERY DELICATE

SITUATION WITH HUMAN LIVES IN THE BALANCE AND I DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING MORE AT THIS TIME. END QUOTE.

2. IN ADDITION WE ARE CONCERNED LEST IMPRESSION BE GAINED THAT US IS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING SITUATION THAT MAY RESULT IN RELEASE OF TERRORISTS. GUIDANCE FOR QUESTIONS ALONG THESE LINES IS QUOTE SINCE AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE ON BOARD AIRCRAFT WE HAVE AT REQUEST GOT PROVIDED TECHNICAL ADVICE GAINED FROM PAST EXPERIENCE WE HAVE GAINED IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS. WE HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS OR IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND ARE NOT MAKING JUDGMENTS OR ADVISING PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AS TO WHAT DECISIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN. END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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